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SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF DRV DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA:

ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 171607

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE ETHIOPIA LEANS TO FRENCH DOCTRINE OF RECOGNITION OF STATES RATHER THAN GOVERNMENTS AND IS BELIEVED RECOGNIZE STATES OF INDOCHINA.

2. FROM PRACTICAL STANDPOINT, PRESUMABLY LIMITED IEG INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PRG WOULD HAVE TO BE WEIGHED AGAINST OUR ATTITUDE AND IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ISSUE. IEG HAS NOT BEEN WILLING STRAIN RELATIONSHIP WITH USG OVER VIETNAM AND THERE NO RPT NO REASON BELIEVE ITS INTERESTS WILL LEAD IT DO SO IN NEAR TERM. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT CONTINENTAL SOLIDARITY LIKELY REMAIN SUBORDINATE MATTER FOR NOW.

3. IN PAST IEG HAS PRACTICED "OPEN DOOR" POLICY (VIZ. RECEIVING SIHANOUK DEL, NORTH KOREANS ET AL) BUT THERE APPEAR TO BE NO RPT NO ADVANTAGES AND, IN LIGHT ERITREA PROBLEM, SOME POSSIBLE DISINCENTIVES TO ITS RECOGNIZING PRG NOT TO SPEAK OF

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LIKELY REPERCUSSIONS IN US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS.

4. EVEN CONSIDERING FLUIDITY OF PRESENT SITUATION HERE, OUR READING IS THAT FOREGOING ATTITUDES AND POSTURES LIKELY REMAIN STABLE IN NEAR FUTURE IF MOFA HAS ITS WAY. IT IS, HOWEVER, UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT ANY TIGHTENING OF TIES WITH GRVN. FROM ETHIOPIAN STANDPOINT MAJOR RESULT OF SUCH MOVE WOULD BE UNDESIRE CRITICISM FROM SISTER STATES.

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